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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 18, 2015  
TO: Board Members  
SUBJECT: Appointment to Board of Youth Services

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This memo is to request the Board's approval of my appointment of Justine Bloch to the Board of Youth Services with a term expiration date of 1/31/2019.

  
Town Manager

**Justine L. Bloch, MSW**

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**John A. Bishop Elementary School, Arlington, MA**

LIBRARIAN

**2013-present**

- Provides library instruction and support to classrooms throughout the school day
- Manages all the library activities and classrooms throughout the day
- Introduces and teaches basic library skills/usage
- Promotes a lifelong love of reading
- Participates in professional development
- Processes, catalogs and circulates books and other library material
- Maintains and updates the library collection
- Collaborates with fundraising efforts to support the library/media center

**Lexington High School, Lexington, MA**

**1996-1997**

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER- GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

- Provided short and long term counseling to adolescents presenting with a wide range of clinical issues including substance abuse, domestic violence, sexual abuse, academic difficulties, depression and suicidal ideation.
- Provided crisis intervention within the school, including consultation to faculty regarding various student-related concerns.
- Facilitated girl's group for high risk adolescents with an emphasis on improving decision making skills and appropriate coping mechanisms.
- Assisted families with planning and implementing coping strategies for behavior modification.

**McKay K-8 School, East Boston, MA**

**1996-1997**

FEE FOR SERVICE CLINICIAN

- Provided individual counseling for students (K-8th grade) referred by the staff for a wide range of social, emotional and behavioral issues.

**The Children's Hospital, Boston, MA**

**1995-1996**

POST-MASTER'S CLINICAL FELLOW- DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

Outpatient Psychiatry, Sexual Abuse Treatment Team and Rapid Diagnostic Clinic

- Conducted diagnostic sexual abuse evaluations of children from pre-school to adolescents. Performed parent interviews in connection with the evaluations.
- Provided evaluation, treatment planning, individual and family therapy, and crisis intervention for children experiencing stressors including domestic violence, parental separation, physical and sexual abuse.
- Evaluated children (ages 2-18) and families in a weekly multi-disciplinary team clinic. Provided assessment, diagnosis, crisis intervention and recommendations to families.
- Participated in weekly didactic seminars in sexual abuse treatment and evaluations, and narrative family therapy.

**Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center, Roxbury, MA**

**1993-1995**

PROGRAM COORDINATOR- LIVING AFTER MURDER PROGRAM (L.A.M.P.)

- Provided intensive individual and family therapy and crisis intervention to survivors of victims of homicide.
- Facilitated a children's group focusing on traumatic grief and recovery.
- Offered comprehensive services to survivors including legal, financial and medical advocacy, concrete social services, and an information and referral network.
- Produced a quarterly newsletter for survivors.
- Conducted presentations and workshops on traumatic loss.

## **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

### **TEAM UP SOCCER TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR**

**2010-present**

- Organize and run an annual soccer tournament to raise money for local agencies such as The Children's Room and Arlington Youth Counseling Center (AYCC).

### **THE CHILDREN'S ROOM –VOLUNTEER FACILITATOR**

**2009-present**

- Run a bi- monthly support group for grieving adults who have lost a partner.

### **John A. Bishop Elementary School, Arlington, MA**

#### **CO-CHAIR- BISHOP PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (BPIC)**

**2006-2009**

- Lead a committee dedicated to conceptualizing and designing, funding and re-building the Bishop playground.
- Privately raised substantial funds to enable playground installation by overseeing a capital campaign, supervising a silent auction, and soliciting funds and services from the community.
- Oversaw the reconstruction effort, coordinating over 50 volunteers.

### **The Cambridge Hospital, Cambridge, MA**

**1994-1997**

#### **VOLUNTEER TEAM MEMBER- COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM**

- Offered short-term crisis intervention and consultation services to communities traumatized by violence.
- Assisted traumatized communities through intervention, which included utilizing a debriefing model, facilitating community meetings, consulting and training service providers, and offering follow-up consultation.
- Participated in intensive and ongoing training and education.

## **GRADUATE SCHOOL INTERNSHIPS**

### **New England Medical Center, Boston, MA**

**1992-1993**

#### **PEDIATRIC HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY CLINIC**

- Provided individual and family therapy to patients throughout their treatment protocol.
- Collaborated with the children's medical teams.
- Led a weekly parent's support group.
- Advocated for family's medical and social needs.

### **Perkins School for the Blind, Watertown, MA**

**1991-1992**

#### **LOWER SCHOOL**

- Provided individual counseling for students with a variety of impairments.
- Co-facilitated a children's group focusing on socialization skills and interactions.
- Acted as a liaison between the residential students, their families and the school faculty.
- Worked closely with the students' interdisciplinary team.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Boston University, School of Social Work, Boston, MA**

**1991-1992**

Masters in Social Work

### **University of Vermont, Burlington, VT**

**1986-1990**

Bachelors of Science

## **ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

Proficient in Microsoft Office and Word; designed, created and maintained web site for Team Up Tournament using 1&1 host site; speak French; love to read; enjoy being with children.

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September 21, 2015

Justine Bloch  
12 Kimball Road  
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Re: Appointment: Board of Youth Services

Dear Ms. Bloch:

As a matter of the standard appointment procedure, the Board of Selectmen requests that you attend a meeting of the Board of Selectmen at Town Hall, Selectmen's Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 730 Massachusetts Avenue, on Monday, October 5th at 7:15 p.m.

It is a requirement of the Board of Selectmen that you be present at this meeting. Your presence will give the Board an opportunity to meet and discuss matters with you about the area of activity in which you will be involved.

Please contact this office to confirm the date and time with either Mary Ann or Fran at the above number.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,  
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marie A. Krepelka".

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This memo is to request the Board's approval of my appointment of Hannah Simon to the Board of Youth Services with a term expiration date of 1/31/2019.

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**Hannah E. Simon, MSW, MS**

34 Webcowet Road

Arlington, MA 02474

Phone: 503-568-5562

Hannah.simon@comcast.net

**Volunteer Activities (in chronological order) since taking early retirement in 1996**

- Program planning and consulting for the Holocaust Services at the Jewish Family & Children's Services. Helped the Director prepare a funding proposal.
- Newsletter Editor for the Greater Boston Child Survivors of the Holocaust Group for two years.
- Served on the Arlington Council on Aging Board for one year.
- Served on the Curriculum Committee in the Osher Life Long Learning Program at Tufts University for ten years. This is a peer-learning program. Committee members evaluate course proposals. Members also solicit members to become study group leaders and provide proposals.
- Taught as a Study Group leader, courses at the Osher Program on Literature, Aging, Immigration and Women in Politics.

**Professional Experience****Mount Carmel Guild, Catholic Community Services**

*Union City, N.J.*

*Department Director: March 1977 to April 1996*

*Responsible for all aspects of operating a Mental Health Center whose 40 staff members provided Outpatient, Clinical Case Management, Day Treatment, Hospital Liaison, and Residential Services to over 1000 clients a year*

- Wrote grants, secured funding, designed, organized and implemented new programs
- Managed all aspects of ongoing programs and insured compliance with regulations and contract commitments
- Created a collaborative and productive team of medical, professional and non-professional staff
- Supervised and trained professional and support staff
- Instructor for Social Work Students
- Center grew from a budget of under \$300,000 to over \$2,000,000
- Achieved a positive reputation in our community especially among predominantly Hispanic population
- Proactively followed political and professional trends and applied these to improvement of services:
  - Initiated short-term treatment over ten years ago
  - Educated managers and staff towards managed care readiness
  - Educated myself about computers and initiated their use wherever possible for QA, budget management, MIS, etc.
  - Moved staff towards systems oriented treatment
  - Established an outcome based quality assurance program
- Influenced State of New Jersey Division of Mental Health & Hospitals policies by participating in various committees including those that wrote new program standards
- Chaired a committee of hospital and community providers set up to establish ways to decrease unnecessary admissions and poor post discharge linkage.
- Monitored developments in Health Reform and Managed Care and advocated for the changes required to help prepare Catholic Community Services to meet these challenges

- Served as a member of the McKinsey and Co. "New Visions Team" in a CCS management study and chaired the Behavioral Health Task Force which was set up to implement the recommended changes
- Served two two-year terms as President of a Professional Advisory Committee to the Mental Health Board. This committee consisted of all the outpatient and inpatient providers in Hudson County, NJ.
- Board member, Secretary and Business Development Committee member of the New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies, 1989 to 1996
- Board member and Treasurer of the New Jersey Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, 1984 to 1990

### **Mount Carmel Guild, Catholic Community Services**

*Coordinator: November 1975 to March 1977*

*Planned and implemented Day Treatment Program. Supervised professional and non-professional staff. Coordinated with referring and sponsoring agencies and institutions. Functioned as a clinician in Day Treatment and Outpatient programs.*

### **Mount Carmel Guild, Catholic Community Services**

*Psychiatric Social Worker: September 1974 to November 1975*

*Provided individual, group, family and activity therapy. Provided consultation and education services. Helped to design, create and organize the "Partial Care" Day Treatment Program for adults suffering from severe mental illnesses.*

## **Education**

### **New York University Graduate School of Public Administration**

*M.S. in Management of Health Services, May 1989*

### **Hunter College Graduate School of Social Work**

*M.S.W. Casework and Groupwork, May 1974*

## **Certifications held during professional career**

- Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (MA)
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (NJ)
- Approved Medicare Provider
- ACSW (National Association of Social Workers)
- Certified Field Instructor Fordham School of Social Work

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